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JAPANESE PEACE PACT SHOWDOWN

Climaxing the long dispute with Russia over a Japanese peace treaty is the note sent over the week-end by the United States which clearly indicates a parting of the ways unless there is another shift in our foreign policy.

The note was in reply to the May 7 Russian set of proposals which asked for a meeting in June or July of the foreign ministers of the United States, China, Britain and Russia to start work on a Japanese treaty and bring it to a "speedy conclusion" which would in all probability have been as speedy as the long drawn out stalemate at Paris over the agenda for the proposed meeting of the Big Four.

The American reply rejected the Kremlin's proposal outright on the ground that misuse of the veto power by Russia in such a four-power meeting would actually work against early conclusion of a treaty and would also give a "secondary role" to nations "which bore a greater burden of the war in the Pacific than did the Soviet Union" which was at war with Japan only six days.

The American note charged that Russia is "conniving at aggression" by proposing to deny Japan adequate post-treaty defense arrangements. It made clear the U. S. intention to use American forces to help Japan against the threat of communist aggression from Asia. It also declared that as far as Red China is concerned, this country "does not seek guidance from a convicted aggressor" and had no intention of doing so.

The American reply was not so much concerned with the Russian proposal to scrap all that the U. N. allies have already done on a Japanese treaty and start over anew, as with the defense of Japan after Japanese independence is restored. Moscow proposed that Japanese defense forces should be limited to those needed for "self defense" and all occupation forces be withdrawn within a year; with "no foreign state with military forces or bases in Japan."

The U. S. note also called attention to the charter of the U. N. which "recognizes the inherent rights of collective as well as individual self-defense" and quotes a speech made by Premier Stalin on March 10, 1939, quoting him as saying: "The policy of 'let each country defend itself from aggression' means 'conniving at aggression'." The note then continued:

"The present suggestions of the Soviet government that Japan shall have armed forces as required for its self-defense, coupled with the further Soviet proposal that there can be no other troops in Japan, seems a reversion to the principle of 'let Japan defend itself' and consequently, as Generalissimo Stalin said, a 'conniving at aggression'."

SCHOOL BILL REFERENDUM

The Oregon State Grange, through its state master, Elmer McClure, has announced intention of attempting to apply the referendum on the school district reorganization law passed by the 1951 legislature.

Perhaps the Oregon legislature should be abolished and in its place, after the pressure groups to enact the laws. Threat of referendum hangs over the majority of major bills passed by the recent legislature.

There was probably no one piece of legislation given more careful consideration in the last legislature than the school district reorganization bill.

An outgrowth of an exhaustive study by Dr. T. J. Holy, of Ohio State University, the organization bill was introduced in the senate and referred to the senate education committee. Sen. Eugene E. Marsh, of McMinnville, chairman, held the bill for two months, during which time he scheduled hearing after hearing in order to give every one interested an opportunity to be heard. The original bill was changed time after time in an effort to meet the objections, which came largely from the supporters of the one-room red schoolhouses.

Dr. Holy, upon conclusion of his study of the Oregon educational structure, said that the school district organization in this state was one of the poorest in the nation, with waste and inefficiency pronounced in many counties.

Should the Oregon Grange go through with its intention to send this law to the voters, it will be blocking operation of a law that has the sponsorship and support of virtually all persons interested in improving the Oregon school structure.

It will be as great a blunder as former state master Morton Tomkin's 1949 attempted "purge" of legislators who refused to do his bidding.

Wine Presents Problem

New Orleans, May 21 (AP)—French naval officers have a problem. The U. S. navy regrets it does not have the experience to solve—where to stow 40,000 gallons of red wine and 2,500 cases of champagne.

The French officers have been on the light carrier USS Monterey as observers for two weeks. They will take over its sister ship, the USS Langley, which will join the French fleet at the Lafayette.

While on the Monterey they have learned much about their future flatpot except how and where to find space for the wine. The Monterey crew figures it is strictly a French rations problem.

What Will Judge's Wife Say?

Chicago, May 21 (AP)—Most women talk too much on the telephone, Judge John T. Zuris agreed with Steve Kenyeri, 36, yesterday.

Kenyeri was in domestic relations court on complaint of his wife, Sophie, 31, that he struck her. Kenyeri said he had protested their telephone bill was too high.

"I have the same trouble with my wife," Judge Zuris said. "But no husband can tell his wife how much she can talk."

The judge added he didn't think such matters should cause any marital rifts. He continued hearing on a charge of disorderly conduct against Kenyeri until June 1.

Effective Road Sign

Somewhere in Korea, May 21 (AP)—On highway 13 in Korea military police has posted this sign: "Drive carefully, you may kill your replacement."

BY H. T. WEBSTER

The Timid Soul



Hollywood 'He-Men' Going Crazy for Latest 'Crew-Cuts'

By VIRGINIA MacPHERSON (United Press Hollywood Correspondent)

Hollywood, May 21 (AP)—Hollywood he-men are going crazy for "crew-cuts," and actor Dick Erdman said today it means long-haired lovers are on their way out.

"Short hair is sexy," he beamed, scraping his fingers over his hair-brush hair-do. "To get the dames nowadays you gotta get a 'butch' first."

This is the most startling fact actors have latched onto since Clifton Webb invented pink slacks. Time was when you could always spot a movie hero by the way his hair snuggled down around his collar.

Then Broadway's Russell Nype stepped out with his topknot mowed to the bone. The ladies oohed and ahhed.

Celluloid celebrities pricked up their ears and dashed off to get clipped, too.

Now Hollywood boulevard looks like a cross between a marine "boot camp" and the prison yard at Alcatraz.

Big-name stars like Burt Lancaster, James Mason, Dick Powell, Frank Lovejoy and John Wayne are all sporting bristles on top.

Erdman says the new style saved his career. "I was just joking along as an actor," he explained. "Then I

'A' Still in First Place

Los Angeles, May 21 (AP)—Competition for first place listing in Los Angeles' huge central telephone directory gets daffier every year.

It used to go to the company with the most A's preceding the firm name. That method soon became impossible. Some firms used as many as 21 A's before the reader came to the actual firm listing. The telephone company ruled that out.

But the race for the very first listing continues and today, in the very latest issue, the very first name is:

"A."

The curious who dial "A's" number will discover they are talking to a hospital supply company.

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

British Laborites Aid 'Poor' Gentry in Historic Castles

By DeVITT MacKENZIE (AP Foreign Affairs Analyst)

Britain's socialist government certainly is a political enigma, as witness its announcement that it is prepared to give monetary aid to gentry who live in stately mansions and are unable financially to maintain these "national heritages."

Of course the desire to preserve fine old historic mansions is quite understandable. But how do the "gentry" fit into the picture? Do they also rank as "national heritages?"

The answer to this in effect is "yes." That is to say, the peerages originally are granted as recognition of ability and worth and service. The government looks on titles as monuments.

Moreover, there is the highly important fact that a part of the government rests in the peerage—the house of lords. The socialists themselves are determined to maintain the peerage, and the king has created numerous lords at the request of the present government.

As a matter of fact both the conservative and the labor (socialist) parties are agreed that, while certain reforms are needed in the house of lords, it shall remain based on the peerage.

However, the idea is to streamline the upper house by making the membership elective instead of automatic to all peers as at present. This naturally would eliminate a considerable amount of "deadwood" and inactive membership—that is, noble lords

It Pays to Advertise

Los Vegas, N. M., May 21 (AP)—It pays to advertise. The owner of a Las Vegas restaurant advertised his "traveling chicken" for home delivery in the local paper.

A short time later, the owner got a letter from Pfc. Louis Gallegos in Korea.

"I read about your traveling chicken. Do you think it is possible for them to travel this far? . . . I've been here since the outbreak of the Korean war, and I am willing to pay up to \$5 for one . . ."

Pfc. Gallegos is in for a surprise. A traveling chicken will soon be on its way to him by air.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Sunday Morning Letter by Truman Gives Mike a Scare

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—At 8:30 a.m. the other Sunday—which is early for most Washingtonians on a Sunday morning—President Truman finished reading New York's Sunday Times, picked up his pen and dashed off one of those famous personal letters which have reverberated around the world. This one went to price boss Mike Di Salle.

Eleven blocks away Di Salle was busily wading through a mountain of correspondence on his desk trying to get some work out of the way before attending nine o'clock mass. Just as Di Salle was leaving his office the telephone rang. The White House was calling.

"Please stand by, Mr. Di Salle," the operator said. "A messenger is bringing you a letter from President Truman."

Mike put the phone down and began to ponder. What had he done wrong? What might have aroused the ire of the President? Or was it that the President was accepting his resignation?

A few minutes later the letter arrived. Now in something of a sweat, Mike tore it open. Inside was a very short note written in the President's own hand on White House stationery. It read:

"Dear Mike, 'I have just read today's New York Times' story about your grand sense of humor. It gave me a lift."

"Since I've been in Washington I've seen many stuffed shirts, and your wise-cracks about Washington life remind me of how we used to use a trocar on a clovered bull. There's a loud explosion and the bull resumes his normal shape and usually recovers."

"Keep sticking 'em. Regards, 'Harry S. Truman'"

Di Salle, a city boy and former mayor of Toledo, Ohio, rushed to a dictionary to look up the word "trocar." A trocar, he discovered is a surgical spear sometimes used to release gas pressure in bloated cattle. By "clovered," the President doubtless referred to a bull which had become bloated from eating too much clover.

NOTE—What inspired the President's letter was a New York Times summary of Di Salle's wisecracks, some of them previously published in this column. Here are a few samples: When the President appointed Di Salle as price stabilizer he said he wanted a man with plenty of guts. "You have him here," replied the rotund Di Salle slapping his bay window . . . "My appointment has the unanimous approval of everyone in Toledo," the ex-mayor said on arriving in Washington. "Half of them were happy to see me move up, and the other half were happy to see me move out of town." . . . A man applied for the job of postmaster and was reminded that he could not read. According to Di Salle, he replied: "I don't want to be assistant postmaster. I want to be postmaster."

REPUBLICAN DRIVE IN TEXAS

It is supposed to be a top political secret but GOP strategists plan to use General MacArthur in the campaign to knock veteran Tom Connally of Texas out of the senate.

MacArthur has already indicated to top republicans that he will make a "nonpolitical" speaking tour of Texas. And the republicans expect to make political capital out of MacArthur's speeches to stampede Texas voters away from Texas Tom.

Inside fact is that the MacArthur wing of the republican party has singled out Connally as their No. 1 senatorial target for 1952. They propose to hang Connally's political scalp alongside that of veteran ex-senator Tydings of Maryland thus set a record of having defeated the chairman of the senate armed services committee, Tydings, and the chairman of the foreign relations committee, Connally.

BY CARL ANDERSON

Henry



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Greatest Public Souvenir Hunt in History Now on

By ARTHUR EDSON For HAL BOYLE

Washington (AP)—The greatest public souvenir hunt in history is on.

Sixteen thousand persons already have sent in their money and said, "Please send me a part of the White House."

The commission on the renovation of the executive mansion is doing its best. For its job includes not only remodeling the White House; it also must dispose of the old wood, stone and brick that can't be used again.

Nobody knows why but the most popular item has been No. 4, which contains, according to the official order blank, "small piece of old stone and an old square nail 2 1/2", suitable for paperweight." The cost: 50 cents, plus shipping charges.

This has struck a responsive souvenir chord in 2809 hearts.

Next in popularity has been "one brick, as nearly whole as practicable." Cost: \$1, plus shipping charges. It has fetched 2773 orders.

Running a close third, with 2548 requests, is No. 1 on the list, "enough old pine to make a gavel," \$2.

These notes on the disposition of the old White House come to you through the courtesy of Maj. Gen. Glen E. Edgerton, executive director for the commission.

Edgerton had a news conference yesterday to show how the job was going.

Most of the stuff has been piled into an old tin building at nearby Fort Myer, Va. There workers were busily sawing up old wood, breaking stone into small pieces and wrapping bricks for mailing.

The general says the idea is to give as many people as possible a memento. That's why nobody can get more than one item, and he must agree he's not going to sell it. (He can give it away, if he wishes.)

If you, too, wish to join the fun, mail a postcard to "Souv-

Some of the letters have their comic side. Such as the lady who wanted a brick from the fireplace where President Roosevelt used to give those fireside chats. (There weren't any, fireplaces there, lady.)

And the woman who said if President Truman gives up his piano she'd like a part of it.

Edgerton is particularly fond of the note from a small boy, who sent in a quarter, and with the confidence of youth, commanded: "Send me the White House!"

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